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Dear Examiner AFZALI,

Enclosed for filing is an After-Final Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in response to the Office Action mailed on August 9, 2006, in the above-referenced application, which is believed to place of the application in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours.

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A CARBURIZED ROLLER MEMBER MADE OF HIGH CARBON

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#### AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 9, 2006, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows: